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This application is the United States national phase of PCT Application Serial No. PCT/JP99/01083 filed March 5, 1999. References JP 7296837 and JP 6283189 are cited in the specification of the present application on page 3. English abstracts of these references are enclosed and are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. The remaining references listed on

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Form PTO-1449 were cited in an International Search Report dated July 6, 1999, for the underlying PCT application. The degree of relevance for these remaining references is indicated in the International Search Report. Copies of these references are not provided as the Notification of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 C.F.R. 1:494 or 1:495, dated October 26, 2001, indicates that copies have been received. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

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